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1. PCT International Search Report for NALDINI, et al., Int'l Application No. PCT/IT04/000227, Filed April 21, 2004, Dated October 12, 2004 [**Exhibit 1**]
2. YU, et al., "Lentiviral Vectors with Two Independent Internal Promoters Transfer High-Level Expression of Multiple Transgenes to Human Hematopoietic Stem-Progenitor

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3. FUX, Cornelia and FUSSENEGGER Martin "Bidirectional Expression Units Enable Streptogramin-Adjustable Gene Expression in Mammalian Cells", Biotechnology and Bioengineering, Vol. 83, No. 5, Pages 618-625 (2003) [Exhibit 3]
4. FUX, Cornelia and FUSSENEGGER Martin "Toward Higher Order Control Modalities in Mammalian Cells-Independent Adjustment of Two Different Gene Activities", Biotechnol. Prog, Vol. 19, Pages 109-120 (2003) [Exhibit 4]
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6. UNSINGER, et al., "Stable and strictly controlled expression of LTR-flanked autoregulated expression cassettes upon adenoviral transfer", Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications, Vol. 319, Pages 879-887 (2004) [Exhibit 6]
7. International Publication Number WO 2003/087294 A2 for Universitätsklinikum Hamburg-Eppendorf, Published April 8, 2003, "Recombining Viral Vectors for the Tetracycline-Regulated Expression of Genes" [Exhibit 7]
8. U.S. Patent No. 6,630,324 B1 for BARSKI, et al., Published October 7, 2003 "Aldehyde Reductase Bidirectional Promoter and its use".

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